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Ottawa, December 16, 2013

Patrick Nicol
Chair, Board of Directors
Regional District of North Okanagan
9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream, BC V1B 2K9

Dear Mr. Nicol:

Thank you for your letter of November 8, 2013, informing us that the Board of Directors of the Regional District of North Okanagan had carried a recommendation to write to the Federal Government expressing its concerns regarding the cancellation of the mandatory 2011 Census long-form questionnaire.

In June 2010, the Government of Canada made the decision to conduct the 2011 Census using the short-form questionnaire and to collect the long-form census questions in the new National Household Survey. In doing so, the government met its commitment to strike the right balance between the need for information and the privacy rights of Canadians.

I can assure you that Statistics Canada strives to maintain the integrity of national data sources. The National Household Survey is recognized as an important element in fulfilling Statistics Canada's mandate to collect, compile and disseminate information crucial to Canadians.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Marc Hamel
Census Manager

c.c.: Mr. Colin Mayes, M.P.

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